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MODERNISATION OF COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of funds for modernization of coal mines in public joint sector for the Tenth Five Year Plan ;

(b) the funds provided for this purpose during the year 2003-04 and the funds proposed to be provided during the year 2004-05;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been prepared for modernization of these mines; and

(d) the over-all benefit likely to be derived from this move ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : In the Tenth Five Year Plan, a capital provision of Rs.9175.83 Crores has been made for modernization of coal mines by coal companies.

(b) : In 2003-04 a sum of Rs.1631.97 Crores was provided for mechanization/ modernization of coal mines while in 2004-05 an allocation of Rs.1606.95 Crores has been provided.

(c) & (d): Modernization of coal mines is a continuous process which include/involves, inter-alia, re- organisation of existing mines, introduction of modern technology and opening of new mines for enhancing production and productivity and efforts are made to ensure that the targets set in the Annual Plan and Annual Action Plan for the coal companies are met. Modernization/ mechanization helps in increasing the productivity/ efficiency of the coal companies.